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SUBJ: SUHARTO VISIT TO U.S.

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1. I CONVEYED NEWS IN REF A TO GENERAL SUDHARMONO ON JUNE 4. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID NEWS WOULD BE WELCOMED BY BOTH PRESIDENT AND MRS. SUHARTO.

2. RE MEMBERS OF PARTY SUHARTO WILL WANT TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO CAMP DAVID, SUDHARMONO CONFIRMED SUHARTO WILL WANT TO HAVE FOLLOWING ACCOMPANY HIM: FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK, PLANNING MINISTER WIDJOJO, GENERALS SUDHARMONO, TJOKROPANOLA, LATIEF, PRESIDENTIAL INTERPRETER WIDJDO AND FOREIGN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR GENERAL DJAJADININGRAT (WHO, HE SAID, WILL DEFINITELY ACCOMPANY PARTY). SUDHARMONO SAID THAT SINCE MRS. SUHARTO NOW ASKED TO GO TO CAMP DAVID, PRESIDENT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY WANT GENERAL SOESIDARTO (HEAD OF PRESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD) TO COME TO CAMP DAVID ALSO.

3. AS TO SUHARTO'S VIEWS RE PARTICIPANTS IN SUBSTANTIVE DISUCSSIONS AND TENTATIVELY PLANNED WORKING LUNCHEON, SUDHARMONO SAID SUHARTO VERY MUCH HOPES THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO TALK ALONE WITH PRESIDENT FORD (I.E. WITH ONLY INTERPRETER), PREFERABLY AT OUTSET. IF U.S. SIDE CONSIDERS IT USEFUL, SUHARTO BELIEVES OFFICIALS ON INDONESIAN SIDE (SPECIFICALLY MALIK, WIDJOJO AND DJAJADININGRAT PLUS SUDHARMONO HIMSELF) COULD PROFITABLY USE THIS TIME IN SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS.

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4. ASSUMING PRESIDENT FORD WOULD WANT SECRETARY KISSINGER, PERHAPS OTHERS, TO JOIN DISCUSSIONS AT APPROPRIATE POINT, HE SAID SUHARTO WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY WANT TO DO LIKEWISE -- BRINGING IN MALIK AND/OR DJAJADININGRAT, WIDJOJO AND PROBABLY SUDHARMONO HIMSELF.

5. IF POSSIBLE, PRESIDENT SUHARTO WOULD PREFER THAT ATMOSPHERE AND FORMAT OF ALL MEETINGS (I.E. ALONE WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS) BE "VERY INFORMAL". HE SPECIFICALLY SAID SUHARTO WOULD HOPE TO AVOID ANY DISCUSSIONS AROUND A CONFERENCE TABLE. WHILE SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS WHO SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN WORKING LUNCHEON, INDICATING THIS IS SOMETHING FOR HOSTS TO DECIDE, SUDHARMONO INDICATED PREFERENCE ON INDONESIAN SIDE FOR LUNCHEON WHICH WOULD BE VERY INFORMAL AND RELAXED AND WOULD INCLUDE ALL MEMBERS OF THE INDONESIAN PARTY NOTED PARA 2 ABOVE.

6. ANOTHER QUESTION ON WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE RELATES TO PRESS. SOME OF INDONESIAN NEWSMEN WHO WILL BE TRAVELING WITH SUHARTO PARTY, INQUIRING TO KNOW IF THEY CAN GO TO CAMP DAVID. PROVIDED THERE NO OBJECTION FROM GOI SIDE, CAN WE ASSUME THIS AGREEABLE TO US SIDE? TOUSSAINT

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